How to create PDF reports for free

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Introduction

Why would you want to create PDF documents ?

- They are a popular way to publish information products (reports, e-books)
- PDF documents can be opened on most computers. MS Word documents, and ebooks created with "e-book creation software" work only on MS Windows systems.
- Unlike MS Word documents, PDF documents can not be edited as easily by the people who read your e-book.
- You can get all the tools for free to quickly and easily create professional-looking reports or PDF e-books.

This report only shows you where to find the tools to create PDF documents for free. For more information on how to install or use the software, check out the documentation in the software or on their website.

A free text editor

A lot of people are familiar with Microsoft Word to create text documents. MS Word is a part of Microsoft Office, and is not free.

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